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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, RP
SUBJECT: OBSERVERS AT PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS

1. IN MY LAST CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS (MANILA 1232) WE TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON POSSIBILITY OF OUTSIDE OBSERVERS AT ELECTIONS APRIL 2. MARCOS HAS IDEA OF INVITING DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO OBSERVE ELECTIONS. I TOLD HIM WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO DO SO BUT THAT CREDIBILITY OF OBSERVATION WOULD BE GREATER IF HE INVITED OUTSIDE OBSERVERS..

2. I DID NOT PURSUE MATTER BUT WHAT I HAVE IN MIND IS POSSIBILITY OF HIS INVITING CONGRESSMEN OR CONGRESSIONAL STAFF PERSONS TO OBSERVE ELECTIONS. IF HE WERE TO DO SO, IT WOULD INCREASE PRESSURE ON HIM FOR FAIR CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS. IT ALSO RUNS THE RISK OF BACKFIRING IF ELECTIONS ARE PALPABLY RIGGED. MY SENSE AT THIS MOMENT IS THAT MARCOS WILL TRY TO HAVE FAIR ELECTIONS AND THAT OBSERVERS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. I WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.
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